

## News Release

# Northwest Minnesota Cellulosic Fuel and Product Industry Forum: Current Practices, Future Possibilities

By Linda Kingery on Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Crookston, Minnesota – April 10, 2007 – Are you interested in learning more about cellulosic ethanol and products? Do you think that northwest Minnesota has a role to play in developing this industry? Are you interested in learning more about how northwest Minnesota could start to position itself to be a cellulosic fuel and product provider in the future? The Northwest Minnesota Cellulosic Fuel and Product Industry Forum will help you gain a better understanding of this industry, what opportunities are available today, and how to begin taking steps to develop this industry in northwest Minnesota.

The Northwest Clean Energy Resource Team (CERT), one of six citizen-based teams from around the state, will host the Northwest Minnesota Cellulosic Fuel and Product Industry Forum. The forum will cover the big picture industry potential, case studies about project currently utilizing biomass, and a panel discussion about key questions and items to consider in developing a new project.

Date: Wednesday, April 25th, 2007  
Time: 9 am – 4:00 pm  
Location: Black Cat Sports Bar and Grill, 1080 State Hwy 32 S, Thief River Falls, MN 56701  
Cost: \$25 – RSVPs required for lunch

The Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), initiated in 2003, are a collaborative effort of the University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, Minnesota Department of Commerce, the Minnesota Project, the Southwest Regional Development Commission and community members from across the state. The teams continue to assist Minnesotans with laying out project priorities that capitalize on their region's local resources and then turning these priorities into on-the-ground projects. Through these projects CERT members hope to stimulate the rural Minnesota economy using local resources and innovative 21st Century technologies to generate energy, keep our energy dollars at home, and create new local jobs.

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